AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding a public hearing on the proposal listed below. Please carefully review the schedule of proceedings as there are important deadlines regarding participation.

Applicant Name: Maine Island Aquaculture, LLC
Application Type: Standard Lease
Culture Type: Suspended Culture of Shellfish
Location: Southwest of Hog Island, Marsh Cove, North Haven
Acreage and Term Requested: 15 Acres for 20 years

Schedule of proceedings:

1. Registering to Participate and Apply for Intervenor Status

A. Registration: Anyone wishing to attend the hearing is asked to register. <u>Persons</u> intending to ask questions of the parties or testify about the renewal or transfer ("Interested Persons") must register with DMR to participate in this manner. Failure to register may limit your ability to participate in the proceeding. Persons who are unable to register online or need assistance with the form must contact DMR.

B. Intervening: Intervenor applications must be requested from DMR at the contact information below. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor status five days before the hearing. If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding.

The deadline to register is 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2023. Applications to intervene must also be **received** by this date and time.

2. Hearing

The hearing will be held remotely and in person as follows:

January 24, 2023 1:00pm North Haven Community Building 21 Town Office Square North Haven, 04853

If the hearing listed above is postponed or continued, it will be held on **January 26, 2023**, at the same time, location, and format. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on DMR's website.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4). Any

interested person may attend the hearing and registered participants may ask questions of the parties or testify about the application(s).

All registration forms are available at: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture. The respective application is posted to DMR's aquaculture webpage under "Pending Lease Applications."

Address questions to:

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Augusta, ME 04333-0021
(207) 215-9134

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For disability accommodations, contact Melissa Macaluso at: (207) 624-6553, Melissa.Macaluso@maine.gov; or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: The rules governing the leasing program are found in Chapter 2 of DMR regulations. The statutory provisions are: 5 M.R.S.A. §9051 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.